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SUBJECT: EXPLOSION OF LETHAL GAS IN LOMBARDY

REF: (A) STATE 185891; (B) ROME 12224; (C) STATE 184785

1. DEPT CONCURS IN KEARNEY TRIP AND CONSULTATION.

2. WE PRESUME FROM MANNIELLO/SPIELMAN TELCON JULY 28 THAT KEARNEY TRIP SPECIFIED IN ROME 12224 CONSTITUTES ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERED RESPONSE TO USG OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE MADE TO TAMAGNINI JULY 28 AND IN PARA 2 STATE 184785 AND THAT NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED. OES HAS NOTIFIED POTENTIAL MEMBERS INTERAGENCY TEAM NOTED PARA 3 STATE 185891 TO STAND DOWN AND THAT GOI HAS NOT RPT NOT REQUESTED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION THAT ABOVE

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REPRESENTS GOI POSITION, I.E., THAT GOI PERCEIVES NO NEED

FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE BEYOND THAT BEING RENDERED BY KEARNEY.

4. EUR AND OES BELIEVE THAT COORDINATION IN EFFORT OF THIS NATURE IS BEST HANDLED THROUGH SINGLE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION (MANNIELLO/OES) TO ENSURE THAT VARIOUS AGENCIES OF BOTH

GOVERNMENTS WORK IN COORDINATED FASHION.

5. WE HAVE POUCHED JULY 29 ATTENTION MANNIELLO COPIES OF THREE STUDIES RELATED TO DIOXINS, MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH IS ANALYTICAL METHOD DEVELOPED BY BAUGHMAN AND MESELSON TO DETERMINE LEVELS OF TCDD IN TISSUES. KISSINGER

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